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Mayor John Dennis
City of West Lafayette
222 North Chauncey Avenue
West Lafayette, IN 47906
October 14, 2015

Dear Mayor Dennis,

Thank you for your continued support of the MHA Crisis Center. Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County is requesting \$8,000 for financial support of the Crisis Center services in 2016. This is the same amount that we are receiving this current year.

As you know, Mental Health America (MHA) and the Lafayette Crisis Center legally merged in 2014, with MHA serving as the surviving entity. In January of this year the Crisis Center staff and volunteers relocated into a newly renovated area in the MHA Community Building. This area includes offices, a call-center, and a meeting room which also serves as a lounge area for volunteers.

In July of this year we established a Crisis Center Advisory Council. This council is comprised of community leaders in the mental health care arena, and representatives from Purdue, Ivy Tech and law enforcement. This council has greatly benefitted the MHA Crisis Center and will be instrumental in increasing community awareness of our services and expanding our volunteer recruitment.

This new MHA Crisis Center is now one of 80 crisis centers in our country that is accredited by and or affiliated with:

- The American Association of Suicidology
- The Alliance of Information and Referral Services
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network

The MHA Crisis Center provides our community with:

- The Crisis Hotlines (available 24/7)
- Rape Survivors Advocacy Services (available 24/7)
- The Online Community Services Database
- The “Survivors of Suicide” Support Group
- The “Women Who’ve Been There” Support Group

Funding from the City of West Lafayette will assist us in increasing community awareness of each of the above listed programs and educating our community

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